

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
AT SEATTLE

STARLINX GLOBAL SERVICE LLC, *et al.*,

Plaintiffs,

v.

AMERICAN FAMILY MUTUAL  
INSURANCE COMPANY, S.I.,

Defendant.

Case No. C20-1243RSL

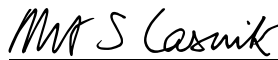
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE

This matter comes before the Court *sua sponte*. On August 18, 2020, defendant removed this action to federal court alleging that the Court has jurisdiction based on the diversity of citizenship of the parties. *See* 28 U.S.C. § 1332(a) (establishing that the federal court’s basic diversity jurisdiction extends to “all civil actions where the matter in controversy exceeds . . . \$75,000 . . . and is between . . . citizens of different States.”). “For a case to qualify for federal jurisdiction under 28 U.S.C. § 1332(a), there must be complete diversity of citizenship between the parties opposed in interest.” *Kuntz v. Lamar Corp.*, 385 F.3d 1177, 1181 (9th Cir. 2004) (internal citation omitted). In examining whether complete diversity is present, the citizenship of a limited liability company is determined by examining the citizenship of the owners/members. *See Johnson v.*

1 *Columbia Props. Anchorage, LP*, 437 F.3d 894, 899 (9th Cir. 2006) (holding that “like a  
2 partnership, an LLC is a citizen of every state of which its owners/members are citizens”).

3 Defendant has not alleged the citizenship of each owner/member of Starlinx  
4 Global Service LLC, noting only that the LLC’s “principal owner” is a resident of  
5 Washington. Dkt. # 1 at 2. The subsequent conclusory allegation that complete diversity  
6 exists is insufficient to meet defendant’s burden of establishing the basis of the Court’s  
7 jurisdiction. *See Indus. Tectonics, Inc. v. Aero Alloy*, 912 F.2d 1090, 1092 (9th Cir. 1990)  
8 (“The party asserting jurisdiction has the burden of proving all jurisdictional facts”); Fed  
9 R. Civ. P. 12(h)(3) (“If the Court determines at any time that it lacks subject-matter  
10 jurisdiction, the court must dismiss the action”). As a result, defendant is ORDERED TO  
11 SHOW CAUSE why the Court should not dismiss this action pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P.  
12 12(b)(1) by providing the Court with the citizenship of all of the owners/members of  
13 Starlinx Global Service LLC, at the time the complaint was filed, by September 28, 2020.  
14 The Clerk of the Court is directed to place this order to show cause on the Court’s  
15 calendar for that date.

16  
17 Dated this 21st day of August, 2020.

18   
19 Robert S. Lasnik  
United States District Judge